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	Attorney Docket No.	JHT-0004
	Examiner Name	John Christopher Douglas
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 - ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) required)
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 - ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 05-1330.
 - ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e): \$ 790.00
 - ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§ 1.136 and 1.17): \$ 450.00
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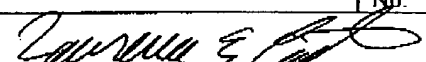
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